UNRULY ELEMENTS.

The Awful Snowstorm in the Northwest.

sastrous Effects of a Natural Gas Explo sion—The Steamship Erin Evidently Lost in the Atlantic

Storms.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23 .- "It is many years since the far Northwest has seen any thing like the present fall of snow, said R. E. Reese, of Portland, Ore. "A telegram which I have from the superintendent of one of my mines in Eastern Oregon tells me there are fifteen feet of snow on the level. Such a fall of snow in the mountains is not unusual, but the snow of the last few days that has fallen all over Oregon, Washington and Montana is almost unprecedented. The stockmen of Washington will be the hardest hit. They have been used to warm winters and have made no preparation for any thing like the unusual snowfall and extremely cold weather which came with it. I know one in Washington who has already lost 2,000 head of cattle. I fancy there will be some herds from which the owners will never market any thing but the hides.

"In Eastern Oregon there were a great many herds of horses. These will suffer seriously, too. People who have never been in the mountains in winter would hardly believe it possible for such enormous quantities of snow to fall, Thirteen feet of snow in the mountains of Eastern Oregon may seem like a pretty big snow, but I can tell you of the action was taken in my case, you sugsome a good deal bigger than that. Up in the Selkirks, in British Columbia, I have known of forty feet of snow on the dead level and drifts to any depth you had a mind to go. Yes, sir, that is the honest truth. Forty feet of snow on the level. Why, in spring, when the snow gets well started to melting, I have known the Columbia river to rise sixty feet in a few days. A rise of sixty feet in a river the size of the Columbia means a tremendous volume of water. No fall of a few feet of snow would ever make it. When a 'chinook' wind off the warm Japanese coast comes blowing over that snow it sends a regular Niagara flood of water down those mountains. There will be such a wind blow over Washington within a few days and this snow will disappear before it like magic. Cold weather was never known to last there long."

HAVOC OF NATURAL GAS.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 23.-An explosion of natural gas about nine o'clock yesterday morning completely wrecked the three story frame dwelling on Thirty-eighth street, near Butler, killing one person almost instantly and seriously injuring eight others, five of whom may die.

John Sitp, aged thirty-seven years, was killed, and the injured were: Mrs. Theodore Ringer, aged thirty-five years, badly crushed and burned, will die; Annie Benjamin and Katie Ringer, children, aged respectively three, five and eight years, cut, burned and bruised; Mrs. John Slip, aged about thirty years, slightly cut and bruised; Annie Slip, dangerously burned; Mrs. Paul Melcher, aged eighty years, badly cut and bruised quite seriously; Paul Melcher, aged seventy years, slightly bruised.

The explosion was caused by a leak in the cellar. Mrs. Ringer started into the cellar with a lighted candle, but before she reached the foot of the stairs the gas ignited and a terrific explosion followed, which shook all the buildings in the vicinity. The house was lifted from its foundation and blown to pieces.

At the time there were ten persons in the building, and all but an infant were more or less injured. John Slip was the first taken from the ruins. He was the contrary. In bidding good by to this frightfully burned and mangled and unconscious, dying in a few minutes for a brief season at least I had a chance to after his rescue. Mrs. Ringer was buried in the debris and was seriously place. I confess that, as I am human, burned. Mr. and Mrs. Melcher, the aged couple, were asleep on the third floor at the time and were burned in the ruins. The old lady's injuries are serious. An infant, belonging to Mrs. Slip, was taken from the ruins uninjured. It was lying in its cradle and had not received a scratch. Mrs. Ringer's children are in a critical condition and may not recover. The loss will be about \$3,000. LOSS OF THE ERIN.

LONDON, Jan. 23 .- The National line steamer Erin, Captain Tyson, from New York for London, has now been out twenty-five days and there is hardly any | ing post in Water street and went away. doubt in maritime circles that some dis- The horse touched his nose to the iron aster has befallen her. The fears concerning her safety have been greatly Thomas Dawson attempted to help the augmented by a report made by the British steamer Creole, Captain Darling, at Bremen, from New Orleans, which saw a steamer's lifeboat adrift bearing the the ground insensible. An arc electric name Erin, brought the boat alongside light wire had sagged and touched the and took from it ten ash oars, a mast and awning post. The insulating matea sail. A life buoy, a spar bridge and rial of the wire had become satan awning were also seen floating near the lifeboat.

The Erin was a bark-rigged iron-screw steamer of 2,910 net and 3,500 gross tons. She was built in 1864. She had a cargo of cattle in pens and a general cargo including cotton below decks. She carried no passengers. She was commanded by Captain Tyson and had a crew of sixty or seventy men.

DEAD CATTLE SEEN.

New York, Jan. 23 .- The Cunarder, Servia, which arrived yesterday afterported to have been seen by another herself and did not come out unscathed.

A: FIGHTER.

Heary A. Phillips, One of the Rerated Pen-sion-office Officials, Declines an Invitation to Resign and Tells Why.

Washington, Jan. 21.-Henry A Phillips, one of the rerated chiefs of division of the Pension Office, who was recently requested to resign, yesterday addressed the following letter to Com missioner Raum, declining to do so: General Green B, Raum, Commissioner of

Sir: Referring to your note of November 22, requesting my resignation as chief of division, repeated in our recent personal interview, I have to say that I assume that you will not deny that this request is not of you motion but prompted by the Secretary of the

Interior. I accept the request as notice to the effect that if I do not accede to it my dismissal will follow, and yet I must respectfully decline to resign and so place my neck in position for the axe of the executioner who just now is so busily engaged in completing the work begun on the persons of myself and others over a quarter of a century ago on Southern battle fields. But in those long gone days it was a more even contest. The fee of that time was honorable and gave an even chance of life for life. To-day I am ground in the dust, under the weight of official— ouly official—superiority, and the foe who dictates this request, by inference, at least, arraigns me as a conspirator against the revenue of this Nation, and in effect would brand me as a robber of the dollars of the Nation I went down into the valley and shadow of death to save and serve. For again you will not dispute that there is no impeachment of my general character, nor charge that I have not and do not fully and faithfully perform the duties of chief of di-vision; that I am not and have not faithfully labored to expeditiously settle the deferred

claims of our comrades. You informed me that the Secretary insisted on my going because my pension had been increased and rerated since I had been in this position. When I informed you that it was a month before I was appointed that gested that I was expecting an appointment. You are right, I was expecting, for I had the word of Commissioner Tanner that I should be appointed. It has been published time and again that my pension was increased by Commissioner Tanner from \$6 to \$24 per month. The fact is that General Black while Commissioner put my pension up to \$17 and rerated it, and I was not satisfied with that because I was informed that the medical examining board (composed of Democratic doctors by the way), who had thoroughly examined me, had reported that I was entitled to more, and so I did not hesitate to seek at the hands of Commissioner Tanner that full measure of justice which had been denied me in the past and those dollars which under law belonged to me and which had, with the dollars belonging to so many other comrades, been held to increase the surplus. In granting me my pension of \$24 per month Commissioner Tanner did just what three reputable members of the medical division recommended him to do, and I am informed that is the figure the Brooklyn board advised General Black to grant. Now against all this comes the dictum of one man, who, without medical or surgical skill, puts his will and the power which the acoident of political preferment gives him to root up and revoke. He does not appear to appreciate that to realize is to correct an error. So the only question should be, did I

suffer from error in the past? You may or may not know that when ac-tion on the case of employes of this office was first questioned Commissioner Tanner subjected those cases to the test of review by four of the best men in this office whose honesty and capacity I do not believe even the Secretary of the Interior will question. They reported that the action taken in my case was in accord with the evidence on file

in the case If the action of the Secretary of the Interior in directing you to call for my resignation be honest in its impulse, why, I ask, does he not take the course provided by law to call down a pension granted wrongfully in excess? Why not give me the oppor-tunity to defend under oath, and by professional testimony, what I now receive? Why does he wrap himself in the panoply of honor which encircles a Cabinet Minister, arrogantly exclaiming in effect: "I am the State," and brutally strike bread and butter from the mouths of my wife and little ones? He never would have held the power he now does; President Harrison would never have had the power to put him where he is if my comrades and my-self in the State of New York had not labored to more effect than he did in Missouri last

I said above "if the action of the Secretary be honest," is it not a fact that I was marked because I am a friend of Corporal Tanner and placed here by him? Very clear evidence would be necessary to convince me to serve my suffering, needy comrades in this I have to call up all the equa-nimity I possess. As I go I leave behind me hundreds in this office who did their level

best to keep our political opponents in power. I leave others who, in the contest of quarter of a century ago, did their best to make my comrades eligible for a pension or a grave. For aught I know I shall leave behind me in the Pension Office the very man who sped the bullet which laid bare my brain, condemned me to a life of misery and made me eligible to a pension and to re-rating. Very respectfully yours, HENRY A. PHILLIPS.

The Fatal Wire. NEWBURG, N. Y., Jan. 21.-Thismorning a man hitched his horse to an awnpost and fell into the gutter like a log. horse and fell dead. Thomas Saltz, who saw Dawson fall, hastened to his assistance and he, too, dropped to urated by rain. The body of Dawson was carried into a store and the coroner was sent for. Mr. Saltz was only stunned, and the horse was not killed. Dawson was a laborer, a lagge and powerful man, weighing over 200

pounds. Murdered His Pretty Wife. NEW YORK, Jan. 21 .- Jimmy Slocum, the former base-ball player of the Wilkesbarre and New Haven nines, was arrested last night after an exciting chase across house tops. He is accused noon, met with a number of dead cattle of murdering his pretty wife in squalid while at sea, which were previously re- apartments on Roosevelt street three weeks ago. He says he was drunk at ressel. The Servia had a severe voyage the time and did not know what he was

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THE GENERAL MARKETS.

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Butcher steers		-	8 50
Native cows	1 80	-	2 85
HOGS-Good to choice heavy	1 TO 10 TO 1	=	3 80
WHEAT-No. 2 red	69	-	6845
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CORN-No. 2	1200	40	- 22
OATS-No. 2	161		28
RYE-No. 2	87	-	8742
FLOUR-Patents, per sack	1 85	-	2 00
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HAY-Baled	4 00	=	7 00
BUTTER-Choice creamery	15	-	22
CHEESE—Full cream	8	=	
EGGS-Choice	11	=	12
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CATTLE-Shipping steers	\$ 40		4 60
Butchers' steers	8 00		4 00
HOGS-Packing	8 50		8 70
SHEEP-Fair to choice	8 60		4 90
FLOUR-Choice	8 50		4 85
WHEAT-No. 2 red	774	10	77%
CORN-No. 2	254	19	26
OATS-No. 2	21		2114
BYE-No. 2	42		421/2
BUTTER-Creamery	20		24
PORK	10 25		10 87%
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE-Shipping steers	2 90		4 80
HOGS-Packing and shipping	8 50		8 92
SHEEP-Fair to choice	4 00		8 40
FLOUR-Winter wheat	4 46		4 50
WHEAT-No. 2 red	76		7614
CORN-No. 2	284		28%
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